



Men Against Violence Against Women

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Mr. Vishnu Dhanpaul,
Permanent Secretary,
Office of the Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
Level 8, Finance Building,
Eric Williams Financial Complex,
Independence Square South,
PORT OF SPAIN.

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO SUBMIT AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2016.

Dear Mr. Dhanpaul,

Your request at subject head, copy attached, reference noted further above, raise two very important nation building sustainable development questions. The first is an obvious attempt to manage the alleged abuse perpetrated by some non-profit organisations bearing the stamp of Charitable Status and must be complemented, as this alleged abuse is unacceptable, to say the least, in all alleged instances.

The second however, is a complicated question, relevant to Men Against Violence Against Women (MAVAW), since our records indicate that we have complied, with all our legal and financial responsibilities, up to 2017. Is there a disconnect between the departments you supervise and your office, or is there a person or persons, in your office, attempting to expose your office to a claim of libel, with malice intent, in implying dishonesty, illegal action, inefficiency and abuse of this valuable Charitable Status, by MAVAW Directors, including the Secretary.

Consequently, please find attached with the signed copy of this letter, to be delivered on Monday the 26th day of February, at your Office on Independence Square, with the immediate notice of said letter by email today Saturday the 24th day of February, 2018, both sharing copies of our latest compliances with the Inland Revenue Division, Taxpayer Services, *Certificate Income Tax Regulations, valid until 3 April, 2018, Certificate, Value Added Tax Clearance (Non-Registered Persons), also valid until 3 April, 2018* and a *Compliance Certificate from the National Insurance Board of Trinidad and Tobago, valid for 1 month, from the October 6, 2017.*

Also appended is our Annual Return stamped Aug 22 2017 and our Corporation Tax Return, submitted Wed/24/May/2017.

Men Against Violence Against Women (MAVAW) has no capital assets, no financial investments, no employees receiving salaries or Directors receiving stipends, no debtors and nothing to send to be audited. We have no income from any grant body or state organisation. Our Directors, supporters and friends work from their personal allowances and we charge no fees to do the philanthropic work for the last 3 decades. Our sustainable development structure allows us to function using a proven good will concept.

My home is our registered office and I work from whatever is available, after using my public officer monthly pension of \$3,500.00, to manage my expenses and help my daughter with my grandson, 4 years and 8 months to date. All done in a very efficient manner of managing money, to achieve maximum success, a system in use for over four (4) decades.

Therefore, now that I have the attention of your good office, an apology will not be necessary for me, when you have verified my attachments; the other Directors may not feel the same way, but there are two (2) long outstanding matters, which appear to have some difficulty in finalising, by two (2) departments under your purview, affecting me gravely and once addressed will allow me to continue this philanthropic work in the highest standard level possible, consequently foregoing any need to apologize to me.

Matter One (1): I was employed on contract as the Personal Assistant to the then, Honourable Winston "Gypsy" Peters, Minister of the Peoples Partnership term of office, from 1st June 2010 to end of September 2014, a period of four (4) years and four (4) months, retiring thereafter on grounds of ill health. To date, my gratuity as per my Cabinet directed contract details, approximately \$100,000.00 has not been paid, a period of three (3) years and five (5) months, which gravely hinders my efforts to continue contributing to the democratic, best practice, sustainable development of my beloved Trinidad and Tobago, taking better care of myself and immediate family and my work as a philanthropist, in the Organisation Men Against Violence Against Women (MAVAW). A Breach of Contract action is not possible with my present public officer pension, unless a pro-bono Attorney at Law becomes available.

Matter Two (2): I attained the age of sixty five (65) years on the twenty second (22) day of May 2013, submitting my National Insurance Board claim for retirement benefits three (3) months before and to date my retirement benefits have not been finalized, a period four (4) years and nine (9) months. Records Manager Mr. Neil Woods is saying that my claim of part time annual employment as a lecturer, for eighteen years, on the subject, Interior Design and Decoration, by the University of the West Indies, School of Continuing Studies then, now Open Campus, who did not pay my NIS Contributions, has not yet been determined, as to whether it was a Contract of Services or a Contract for Services, so that they can pursue the University to honour the paying of my National Insurance Contributions.

This year, May 2018 on my seventieth birthday, will have added \$246,000.00 to my income, as pension of \$3,500.00, for five (5) years, from the National Insurance Board, if my Retirement Benefit Claim had been settled, a great loss to my efforts for national development.

On the second of July 2015, the NIB deposited a cheque of \$106,048.05 in my RBC bank account, copy attached, without any notice of what that money was for, whether down payment, interest for late settlement of claim or other and my research has revealed that the recording of contributing system, including the calculation of retirement benefit policy, could open the door to an action for fraud and/or Breach of Contract.

As it stands now, with God's blessing, my life may extend fifteen (15) more years plus, a large income loss in order to continue my philanthropic work, if the NIB and the CPO/State does not settle my claims.

Your kind attention is sincerely anticipated.

Please be guided accordingly.

Yours in Nation Building,

SignedDonald Berment, Secretary/Counsellor.

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